ROXBURY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Gateway to the Dream

40th Annual Commencement

Friday, May 15, 2015
One O'Clock P.M.
Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

The National Anthem

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key
1779 - 1843

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson
1871 - 1938

Program

Prelude

Processional

The audience is requested to remain seated during the processional for students and faculty.

Madison Park High School - Marine Corps JROTC will post the colors.

National Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Students' Greetings from Around the World

Greetings from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

Musical Selection

Boston Arts Academy, Directed by Tyrone Sutton

Introduction of Valedictorians

Ms. Jamica Nadina Love, Dean of Student Life

Valedictorians

Ms. Iveta Hradkova and Mr. Lawrence W. Manigault

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Commencement Address

Ms. Ayanna Pressley, Boston City Councilor-at-Large

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Authorization of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Introduction of Degree and Certificate Candidates

Presentation of Degrees and Certificates to the Students

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees
Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional and is invited immediately after the ceremony to a reception in the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Gymnasium.

* *Mistress of Ceremonies: Ms. Cecile Regner, Interim Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs*

Message from the President

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson

Education offers opportunities for changing how we choose to live, how we choose to teach, and how we choose to govern ourselves for future generations to come. Please grasp the opportunities when they arise, for therein lies the key to your future and the future of all of our communities.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new phase of your life, a phase filled with new opportunities, experiences and growth. As you move forward, take the time to look back and remember today fondly.

As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2015—too numerous to list here—I am amazed and proud. I hope that you cherish the memories you made at Roxbury Community College and that you use the totality of what you've learned here for years to come.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2015. I wish each of you the very best, and I know that you will be successful in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Valerie R. Roberson

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson

President

Commencement Speaker

Ms. Ayanna Pressley

Ayanna Pressley's career has been marked by history-making campaigns and a relentless determination to advance a political agenda focused on women and girls and breaking cycles of poverty and violence.

Pressley was first elected to the Boston City Council on November 3, 2009, becoming the first woman of color ever elected to the Council. In her subsequent 2011 and 2013 reelection campaigns, Pressley made history as the first person of color and the first woman in 30 years to top the ticket.

During her time in office, Pressley created and chairs the City Council's Committee on Healthy Women, Families, and Communities. The Committee is devoted to the causes that she has always been most devoted to: stabilizing families and communities, reducing and preventing violence and trauma, combating poverty, and addressing issues that disproportionately impact women and girls.

Pressley is committed to working in partnership with community, building broad and diverse coalitions to advance policy reforms. She has earned local and national attention for her efforts to provide pathways to graduation for pregnant and parenting teens, ensure Boston high school students receive comprehensive sexual health education, diversify economic and wealth building opportunities for women and people of color, and strengthen support services for families of homicide victims and sexual assault survivors. In 2013, she formed the Elevate Boston coalition to ensure issues uniquely impacting women and girls and the LGBTQ community were part of the 2013 Boston mayoral race debate.

Understanding that neighborhood restaurants are community anchors, job creators, and engines of economic development, Pressley spent two years successfully advocating for reform to the State's outdated liquor license laws. In 2014, Pressley advanced a version of her home rule petition through the State Legislature, returning control of the Licensing Board to the City for the first time in more than 100 years and providing 75 new licenses to the City over three years, with 80% of those licenses restricted to the neighborhoods most in need.

In 2015, Pressley earned the EMIILY's List Rising Star Award. In 2014, Pressley was named to Boston Magazine's Power of Ideas list, was a Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Ten Outstanding Young Leaders honoree, and earned the Victim Rights Law Center's Leadership Award.

Pressley is an Aspen-Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership (Class of 2012) and was selected as a Truman National Security Project Partner in 2012.

Pressley's political career spans more than 18 years, in various behind-the-scene capacities at the federal level of government. She previously worked as a Senior Aide for Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II and Senator John Kerry.

Class of 2015

Honors
GPA 3.00 - 3.49

High Honors
GPA 3.50 - 3.75

Highest Honors
GPA 3.76 - 4.00

Honors Program
Students who have fulfilled the Honors Program have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.3 and have completed three or more Honors courses.

* = *Honors - Gold Cord*
** = *High Honors - Black & Gold Cord*
*** = *Highest Honors - Bright Yellow Sash*
 = *Honors Program*

The Registrar of Roxbury Community College maintains the official list of all graduates and honor designations. This program is only for ceremonial purposes.

Associate in Arts

Fikre T. Abera***
Biological Science

Osuji Ngozi Adanna**
Health Careers

Joseph Roland Adrien*
Health Careers

Ismahan I. Ahmed**
Health Careers

Kalé Akpabie***
Business Administration

April Dana Andrew*
Liberal Arts

Rhona Ashley***
Health Careers

Chisom Omeremma Azubuko
Business Administration

George H. Bailey*
Business Administration

Chowan Johnlya Baker**
Biological Science - Lab Animal Care

Sandra Eliane Baptista***
Liberal Arts

Elhadj A. Barry***
Biological Science

David R. Beal
Broadcast Media Technology

Andrea Benaim*
Social Science

Atalia Bennett**
Health Careers

Hercilia Nord Bernard*
Health Careers

Teresa G. Augusto Bernardo*
Business Administration

Nedsen Bien-Aime
Biological Science

Edwidge Bien-Aime
Business Administration

Odessa Shannon Bodden Perez
Health Careers

Taylor Marie Bogarty-Gabriel*
Social Science

Yury P. Bonilla
Liberal Arts

Cheryl E. Brathwaite-Maynard***
Business Administration

Elizabeth Latrell Bray
Business Administration

Myrka Jeune Brutus*
Health Careers

Jean Garvens Brutus*
Health Careers

Teha P. Bryant-Woodrow
Liberal Arts

Christopher Bynes
English

Genesis A. Cabral*
Business Administration

Jouvenel Calixte*
Health Careers

Katherine Perdomo Cano
Social Science

Jasmine D. Cazeau
Health Careers

Holce Cetoute***
Business Administration

Pierre G. Charles
Business Administration

Nalie Charles*
Health Careers

Nalie Charles*
Social Science

Ssu-Fang Cheng**
Biological Science

Khunthea Chhay*
Liberal Arts

Kayiba M. Ciamala
Health Careers

Marise Silva Colso*
Health Careers

Violeta Cesarina Contreras
Social Science

Jadine L. Daley*
Biological Science

Yvanolf Damice
Health Careers

Patricia Danglad
Health Careers

Patricia Devilmé
Health Careers

Gina Diaz
Liberal Arts

Brooke F. Dixon
Liberal Arts

Alex Dosouto
Business Administration

William Doura
Business Administration

Kevin William Dubuc*
Broadcast Media Technology

Ethania Ducoste*
Health Careers

Darwin Duplessy*
Business Administration

Cristina Maria Ellis*
Health Careers

Pauline E. Faldor
Business Administration

Jahlicia Farmer
Health Careers

Fernando A. Farquharson
Biological Science

Serge Adelson Faustin**
Biological Science

Brunette Miriam Fenelon*
Health Careers

Waller P. Finnagan III**
Social Science

Rosalyn Flores
Social Science

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Associate in Arts

Nadia Fontus**
Health Careers

Regine Francois*
Health Careers

Abdi M. Galeb
Health Careers

Tahiewah Garner*
Health Careers

Stephanie Leigh Gemma
Business Administration

Bethlehem Ghidey**
Social Science

Divanny Gonzalez*
Liberal Arts

Pamela Lynn Gray
Biological Science

Guerina Guerrier
Health Careers

Jadjuana Tiesha Connie Guichard
Social Science

Andrew Hall
Business Administration

Kiana Charnelle Hall
Liberal Arts

Mallory P. Harris**
English

Dazhia Harvey-Gomes
Liberal Arts

Weldemariam Y. Hassen**
Health Careers

Britney Elisha Hinds
Arts & Humanities

Iveta Hradkova***
Business Administration

Frederick Chukwuka Ifebuzo*
Health Careers

Mohammad Shahidul Islam***
Business Administration

Halima Nooh Ismail**
Business Administration

Odeal Jacob-Cruz**
Biological Science

Valencia Jacobs-Brown*
Social Science

Bianca T. Jacques*
Social Science

Rebecca Brittini Jean
Liberal Arts

Shawna Johnson
Visual Arts

Jacqueline E. Johnson
Health Careers

Curlene S. Jones*
Business Administration

Gladys Joseph**
Health Careers

Osibe Ogechukwu Josephine***
Health Careers

Pamela-Anne Kee
Liberal Arts

Olasunkanmi Kehinde**
Musical Arts

Niame Gnagna Keita*
Liberal Arts

Elene Ketema
Health Careers

Victoria King-Knight
Liberal Arts

Jacqueline M. Knight
Biological Science

Denise Lara*
Business Administration

Eugenie Ocilie Laurent
Liberal Arts

Ashley Lincoln
Biological Science

Nila Lee Logan
Health Careers

Junia Louis Jean*
Health Careers

Florise Stephanie Rakotovao Luc**
Social Science

Rasheedah Malik
Biological Science

Natacha K. Malila
Liberal Arts

Otamy F. Mariñez
Business Administration

Sha'Quece M. Martin
Business Administration

Alicia Martin*
Health Careers

Victor A. Martinez
Broadcast Media Technology

Trisha Tanya Mayala*
Health Careers

Crystel Payano Mckinney
Broadcast Media Technology

Rossana Y. Meléndez
Health Careers

Erik Michel***
Liberal Arts

Djenane Milcee*
Health Careers

James Chandler Mink***
Biological Science

Nadira Mohamed*
Health Careers

Horio M. Mohamoud
Health Careers

Yolcie Monestime*
Biological Science

Daniel M. Mukete
Health Careers

Cheryl Ann Murphy*
Liberal Arts

Mary Waithira Muturi*
Health Careers

David A. Myers, Sr.***
Health Careers

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Ronah Nansubuga***
Business Administration

Francesca Narcisse*
Liberal Arts

Amida Nchaw Nchaw**
Health Careers

Irene A. Ntah*
Health Careers

Anita Mukaosoro Nzenwa
Health Careers

Dernicile Occean**
Health Careers

Obianuju Ogamba
Health Careers

Sharon N. Olivo***
Liberal Arts

Ejehi Omodiagbe E***
Health Careers

Afoma Cynthia Onujiogu
Health Careers

Josue R. Ordonez
Liberal Arts

Ariam L. Ortiz-Robles*
Business Administration

Ugo Arunsi Otisi
Health Careers

Emma Owusu*
Biological Science

Israel Christian Pabon
Business Administration

Elcie Cicie Pacius*
Health Careers

Dydier Parisien
Health Careers

Toni Maurica Passley**
Liberal Arts

John Sebastian Pelaez
Liberal Arts

Kim B. Pham*
Liberal Arts

Felicia M. Pierre
Liberal Arts

Shantel Powell*
Health Careers

Osuji Chukwunonso Reginald*
Health Careers

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Broadcast Media Technology

Daiana Rodriguez*
Liberal Arts

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Health Careers

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Health Careers

Olzhas Samat*
Business Administration

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Social Science

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Liberal Arts

Eunice F. Santos*
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Yasmin A. Santos**
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Bintu F. Sheriff**
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Laudace Viljean*
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Ramces Derline Alcide*
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Biotechnology

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Solon Anilus
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Carlos O. Aponte***
Criminal Justice

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Jeannette Belvu
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Nursing

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Business Management

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Marcellina N. Igboenyesi*
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Herold Jerome
Nursing

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Criminal Justice

Clivens Joseph
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Nursing

Ketlyne Etienne Juste
Nursing

Brook Daniel Kebede*
Engineering

Jennifer Marie Keitt
Nursing

Mohabir Joseph Khemraj***
Network Administration

Fabella Laforet-Narcisse
Nursing

Marie Laure Lafortune*
Nursing

Kalph J. Lamarque
Nursing

Roubbins Jamal LaMothe
Business Management

Aleesha Monique Lopes
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Luce C. Lopez**
Criminal Justice

John A. Lyles
Business Management

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Biotechnology

Lawrence W. Manigault***
Network Administration

Ana C. Martinez
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Magalie Mathieu*
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Dorothy Merceda*
Criminal Justice

Veronica Machado Monteiro
Criminal Justice

Joseph Monteiro*
Information Systems Technology

Shanyce Franceia Morgan
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Toni E. Morgan**
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Magdalene Wanja Mwangi**
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Nursing

Japheth Omondi
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Jasmine Otero***
Early Childhood Education

Mohamed Ouarrak**
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Eva M. Phillips*
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Criminal Justice

Kay Robinson-Paul*
Nursing

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Criminal Justice

Lyenette Rodriguez*
Business Management

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Radiologic Technology

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Criminal Justice

Jeffson St. Cloud*
Criminal Justice

Franel St. Juste*
Accounting

Angelique R. Stanley*
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Nursing

Zemen Taddese Takele*
Nursing

Keri Taylor*
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Criminal Justice

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Web Technologies

Richelle Villalona
Criminal Justice

Tony Vilus
Nursing

Latisha D. Wade
Criminal Justice

Crystél Rose Wallace
Business Management

Shatara S. Way*
Administrative Information Technology

Rodney Wharen Whyte**
Nursing

Julie Wilkins
Early Childhood Education

Kareem Starquan Willis-Holley
Criminal Justice

Karen G. Wint*
Microcomputer Applications

Amra Mohammad Yasin*
Criminal Justice

Anthony Yee*
Engineering

Clairta Youyou
Nursing

Guerlie F. Zizi
Nursing

Certificates with Specification

LaTasha Anderson*
Medical Office Specialist

Christina Anita Brown-Evelyn
Licensed Practical Nursing

Margarette Casimir
Licensed Practical Nursing

Delia Joy-Ann Hodge-Dowling
Licensed Practical Nursing

Roseline Jean-Francois
Licensed Practical Nursing

Culrene S. Jones*
Accounting

Joanne Justinvil
Licensed Practical Nursing

Geoffrey Reuben Kigera
Licensed Practical Nursing

Victoria Gloria Montgomery
Licensed Practical Nursing

Jane Mwaura
Licensed Practical Nursing

Njumo Fanny Nyirenda*
Licensed Practical Nursing

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Broadcast Media Technology

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Julie Raymond*
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Waderthon Saint Loth
Licensed Practical Nursing

Melissa Shepard
Licensed Practical Nursing

Harolin Minerva Sosa*
Biotechnology/ Biomanufacturing

Akinyele A. Staples
Broadcast Media Technology

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Paralegal Studies

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Paralegal Studies

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc./Psi Omega Chapter Award

SPONSOR: The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.
This award is given to an outstanding multicultural female graduate who is transferring to a four-year institution.

- *Cheryl E. Brathwaite-Maynard*
- *Jasmine Otero*

Deans/Departmental Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation
These $500 scholarships are awarded each semester to recognize outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time in a degree program, on the Dean's List (GPA 3.5–3.75) or on the President's List (3.76–4.0). All applications must be signed by the department chair of the student's major to indicate endorsement by the department. Three awards will be given.

- *Jusu Coker*
- *Mariame Fofana*
- *Osuji Ngozi*

Nursing/Health Sciences Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation
These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the Roxbury Community College Foundation's Board of Directors. These $500 scholarships are awarded to full-time Nursing/Health Sciences students in good academic standing who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.00.

- *Benjamin Gunn*

Honors Program Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation
Three awards of $500 each will be made to full-time students who are enrolled in required courses for their major and participate in the College's Honors Program.

- *Sharon Olivo*
- *Hlee Yang*

International Student Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation
Two $1,000 awards will be given to full-time students who have come from foreign countries to study at RCC and hold valid student visas. They must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

- *Ssu-Fang Cheng*

Julia Woods Brown Scholarships

SPONSOR: Emeny Family Foundation
There are three $500 scholarships in memory of Julia Woods Brown. To be eligible, students need to demonstrate a commitment to the community at large or to the College by working with specific populations and providing appropriate signed documentation as validation. Candidates need to have completed at least 12 credits at RCC and have at least a 3.25 GPA.

- *Halima Ismail*
- *Nan Li*

Martin Luther King Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

This $500 scholarship, commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be awarded to two full-time students with a GPA of at least 3.0 who excel in Social Science and have demonstrated a commitment to the RCC community or to the community in which they reside. Documentation of this will be required.

- *Eseroghene Akporhonor*

STEM Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

Full-time or part-time students at RCC with a GPA of at least 3.0 who are majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math may apply for these $500 scholarships. They will need a recommendation from the Department.

- *El Hadj Barry*
- *Lunda Francois-Philippe*
- *James Mink*

Stop and Shop Scholarships

SPONSOR: The Stop and Shop Companies

Ten (10) scholarships of $500 each will be awarded to students, full or part-time, who have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or higher and who live in the City of Boston (required documentation: a rent receipt, utility bill, etc.). Preference will be given to those students who currently work or have worked for Stop and Shop and have good standing with the company.

- *Ian Holder*
- *Agnes Kasule*
- *Kathleen Kennedy*
- *Florise Luc*
- *Donna Morris*
- *Xiomara Munoz*

Transitional Housing Situation Scholarships

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

Single parents living in a homeless shelter who have good academic standing at the College (2.5 GPA or above), are eligible to apply for these awards. Two will be given, at $1,000 each. Documentation from the shelter is required.

- *Daniel McAfee*

Liberal Arts Majors Scholarship Awards

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

These $500 scholarship awards will be given to 3 full-time students majoring in Liberal Arts who have significantly contributed to the college through their participation in co-curricular activity such as student government, athletics, campus newspaper, club leadership, etc while maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

- *Rajdel Francois*

Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages when they were common dress for scholars. In the Twelfth Century, monks and students wore them to keep warm from the damp and drafty European castles and halls of learning.

The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The Master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long square sleeves. The Doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three velvet bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors became associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wore a green border, which relates to the healing powers of medicinal herbs.

In Europe, a uniform color system was never developed. However, in the United States, an intercollegiate committee meeting in 1895, decided upon uniform color standards, assigning a specific color to each field of study.

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Agriculture	Maize	Library Science	Lemon
Arts, Humanities	White	Medicine	Green
Chiropractic	Silver Gray	Music	Pink
Dentistry	Lilac	Nursing	Apricot
Economics	Copper	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Science	Golden Yellow
Journalism	Crimson	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology	Scarlet

Roxbury Community College

Years of dreaming and planning came to life in 1973, when Roxbury Community College opened its doors in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite less than ideal surroundings - its location was a former car dealership - Roxbury Community College's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of four hundred students. The College's mission then, as it is now, was to provide higher education to those Boston residents who found most other avenues to higher education closed.

In 1975, growth was the impetus for a move to 424 Dudley Street, a former nursing home. This move permitted the expansion and strengthening of academic programs and student services. The College continued to grow, which precipitated another move in 1982, to the former site of Boston State College on Huntington Avenue. As the College continued to shift its service base to meet an expanding enrollment, the goal to establish a permanent home for Roxbury Community College in the heart of the communities it served, remained strong.

With much anticipation, Roxbury Community College built its new home as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in the Spring of 1988. This fifteen-acre campus includes a state-of-the-art Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Administration Building, Student Center, and the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

A global village, Roxbury Community College's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all over the world: North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College continues its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.

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